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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

Johanna J.M. Meulenberg et al. Examiner: Myron G. Hill

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For: Infectious Clones of RNA Viruses and

Vaccines and Diagnostic Assays

Derived Thereof

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 28 2009

MS Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sirs:

This paper is filed in response to a non-final office action dated December 28 2009. The response is timely filed by virtue of the attached petition and fee for a one-month extension of time to respond. The response is accompanied by a request for continued examination.

Amendments to the Specification: There are no amendments to the specification.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.